

## FISCAL NOTE

### SB 772 - HB 1566

March 22, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Makes offenses of child endangerment, aggravated child endangerment, and especially aggravated child endangerment part of DUI violation and increases the age of the child where applicable from 13 to 18 years of age; requires law enforcement and judges to report information of person committing DUI accompanied by child under 18 to the Department of Children's Services as other cases of suspected child abuse or neglect.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$26,400/Incarceration\***  
**Decrease State Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant**  
**Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000**

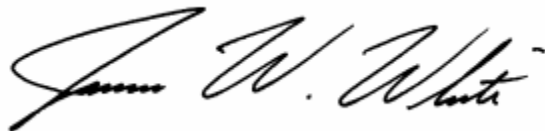
#### Assumptions:

- One additional Class D Felony each year for aggravated child endangerment and one additional Class C Felony conviction each year for especially aggravated child endangerment.
- Decreases state government revenues since currently the \$1,000 fine for child endangerment goes to the state and by making the offense part of a DUI violation, the fine will go to the local government.
- Increases in local government expenditures and revenues from additional convictions of child endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor.
- Any impact this legislation would have on caseloads for the Department of Children's Services for investigations of additional reports of child abuse and neglect can be absorbed within existing resources.

*\*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director